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NSA STAFF PROCESSING FORM

TO D/DIR	EXREG CONTROL NUMBER	KCC CONTROL NUMBER
THRU NSP <i>D</i>	ACTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	EXREG SUSPENSE KCC SUSPENSE ELEMENT SUSPENSE
SUBJECT VENONA Name in Dispute - DECISION		
MEMORANDUM		
DISTRIBUTION OGC, NSP5, M5J, NSP		
SUMMARY		

~~(FOUO)~~ OGC, NSP and M5J have come to an agreement on the release/protection of the names of individuals found in the KGB and GRU translations to be released in July 1996, with the exception of one name - Boris Eliacheff. Lou Benson argues for the release of Eliacheff citing the following rationale: "He was a French govt official, a diplomat from the time of the messages until as late as 1956 when he was French commercial attache to Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua. We don't protect foreign diplomats. There is a major historical interest in this man because of the extensive, long-public, information about Soviet penetration of De Gaulle's circle and continued presence in French govt. This the so-called TOPAZ affair. Eliacheff was connected to Pozner, KGB agent who we have released."

~~(FOUO)~~ In determining the releasability of this name we have applied the sixth exemption of the FOIA by weighing the public interest against the privacy concerns. Eliacheff has not been publicly identified as a KGB agent. The argument against release, therefore, is that Eliacheff is included in VENONA only in the footnotes as a government equation (see attached translations), and diplomats enjoy the same privacy as private citizens. The occurrence of the name is similar to the appearance of other names that we have protected in the past using the same criteria. We believe that the decision to protect is consistent with our policy on the release/protection of names in VENONA translations.

D/DIR's Decision:

Release Eliacheff *✓*

Protect Eliacheff _____

Let's discuss _____

*Bill, I urge release
for reasons of history. Also,
we have not been protecting
names of diplomats*

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COORDINATION/APPROVAL

OFFICE	NAME AND DATE	SECURE PHONE	OFFICE	NAME AND DATE	SECURE PHONE
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